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Lt. Governor Peter Kinder names Ralph Thaman Jr. of Ballwin as Senior Service Award Winner

Award recognizes volunteer work by Missouri Seniors

JEFFERSON CITY – Missouri Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today announced 35 winners of the Lieutenant Governor’s Senior Service Award, including Ralph Thaman Jr. of Ballwin.

Lt. Governor Kinder presented the awards today (May 8) at a luncheon for the winners and their guests outside his office in the Capitol. Ballwin was nominated by Ann Bannes, vice president of St. Andrew’s Resources for Seniors in St. Louis.

Thaman for many years has volunteered with St. Andrew’s Resources for Seniors Systems, volunteering about 40 hours each month. He also serves on several other boards, including the St. Andrew’s Board, Giddings Lovejoy Presbytery Property Committee, Washington University Whittemore House Board, and the Eden Seminary Board.

“St. Andrew’s has been blessed to have Mr. Thaman volunteer his time, talent, skills and dedication to our mission and is worthy of this award,” said Bannes in her nomination. “He volunteers his time and skills to organizations for more than 20 hours per week.”

Lt. Governor Kinder presented Thaman with an official declaration and a Senior Service Award lapel pin at a ceremony in the Capitol on May 8.

“Ralph Thaman sets an example for all Missourians with his kindness and willingness to serve St. Andrew’s Resources for Seniors and his church and community,” Kinder said. “His selfless service is an inspiration to all who know him.”

Kinder this year received more than 150 nominations for the Senior Service Award, naming 34 winners representing the state’s 34 Senatorial Districts and one at-large winner. Thaman won in District 15.